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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM: TRAVEL PLANS AND
PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS.

REF : IVP GRANT (PROGRAM G-I-14) DATED JUNE 19, 1973

1. JOHN RANDOLPH FOSTER, NEWS DIRECTORAN CHQR RADIO, TENTATIVELY
PLANS DEPART CALGARY FOR OTTAWA SUNDAY AUGUST 26 AND SPEND
MONDAY AUGUST 27 AT EMBASSY CONFERING FORDNEY. IF POSSIBLE
CONGEN SUGGESTS COURTESY CALL AMBASSADOR AND MINISTER. FOSTER
PLANS TRAVEL OTTAWA-WASHINGTON LATE AUGUST 27 OR EARLY AUGUST
28 TO BEGIN 35 DAY PROGRAM.

2. WASHINGTON PROGRAM SHOULD CONTAIN THOSE ITEMS IN WHICH ANY
GOOD WORKING JOURNALIST WOULD BE INTERESTED. SPECIFIC INTEREST
HAS BEEN EXPRESSED IN ATTENDING STATE DEPARTMENT NEWS BRIEFING
AND EXPOSURE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB.

3. ONLY AREA OF U.S. WITH WHICH FOSTER HAS ANY FAMILIARITY IS
NEW YORK CITY, WHICH HE VISITED MANY TIMES WHILE WORKING
BERMUDA. WOULD LIKE SPEND FEW DAYS THERE RENEW OLD ACQUAINTENCES,
AND DEVELOP FURTHER EXPERIENCE.

4. INTEREST EXPRESSED IN VISITING MEDIUM SIZED CITIES IN NEW
ENGLAND AND IN SOUTH, POSSIBLY CAROLINAS.

5. FOSTER HAS INDICATED STRONG DESIRE SEE SOME PART OF FLORIDA
TO EXAMINE, IF POSSIBLE, CUBAN REFUGEE INTEGRATION AND ALSO
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VISIT KENNEDY SPACE CENTER AT CANAVERAL.

6. FOSTER SHOULD VISIT HOUSTON, TEXAS IN VIEW ITS ROLE IN PETROLEUM INDUSTRY AND CLOSE DIRECT LINK CALGARY. ALSO WOULD LIKE TO VISIT MANNED SPACE FLIGHT CENTER. HAS EXPRESSED FURTHER INTEREST IN A POSSIBLE STOP IN MIDWEST AND CALIFORNIA.

7. JOHN FOSTER IS FIRST CLASS WORKING JOURNALIST WHO HAS ABILITY ABSORB BACKGROUND MATERIAL LIKE A SPONGE, YET IS VERY DISCERNING AND ABLE SELECT ITEMS AND PORTRAY THEM AGAINST BACKGROUND. HE PLANS ON HIS OWN TIME FILE STORIES BY TELEPHONE WITH HIS STATION HERE FOR WHICH HE WILL RECEIVE NO RPT NO COMPENSATION. HE IS FULLY AWARE THAT HE CANNOT USE PROGRAM TIME THIS PURPOSE.

8. WHILE HE IS ANXIOUS TO MEET HIS PROFESSIONAL COUNTERPARTS IN U.S., HE HAS SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT HE DOES NOT WISH SPEND ALL HIS TIME SURROUNDED BY FELLOW JOURNALISTS. HE COULD HAVE DONE SUCH A TRIP TO U.S. ON HIS OWN ON THAT BASIS. PREFERS TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OPPORTUNITY GRANT OFFERS TO SEE ALL ASPECTS AMERICAN LIFE. LIKE MOST WESTERN CANADIANS HE ENTERTAINS EXTENSIVELY, MODESTLY AND INFORMALLY AT HIS OWN HOME. THUS WILL BE ANXIOUS TO MEET AMERICANS AT HOME AND WILL ACCEPT SOCIAL INVITATIONS IF OFFERED.

9. FOSTER IS EXTREMELY FLEXIBLE AND WILLING WORK WITH GAI RPT GAI IN DEVELOPING FULL, WELL ROUNDED PROGRAM.
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